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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Contracting Officer

SUBJECT: Transportation of Training and Test Film

1. Since we are now ready to start developing film exposed at the test site at the Eastman facility, the problem of transporting this material back and forth arises. The bulk of the material concerned will move from the site to Eastman. A selected amount of processed film will be returned from Eastman to Hycon. A very limited quantity of processed film will be forwarded to Project Headquarters.

2. It is suggested that the requirements for speed and routine delivery will preclude any feasible courier system. Accordingly, I recommend that some form of air mail or commercial facility be utilized. It is anticipated that the exposed film will be in sealed containers and packed in a sterile outer carton. These will be forwarded from Hycon to Eastman every few days. This matter has been discussed with the Project Security Officer, [redacted] and it is our consensus of opinion and recommendation that the suppliers involved handle this shipment ostensibly within their normal business relationship. In this respect the two suppliers should control movement so that there is an efficient recording system with the material sent from an individual addressor to an individual addressee. Moreover, they should establish a procedure to monitor the movement to prevent loss or delay and to insure they receive early information regarding any problem in the movement. In addition, it is important that no concurrent movement of sensitive flight data and film occur. As an added precaution, the companies should endeavor to utilize air mail rather than air express whenever possible.

3. I believe arrangements between Hycon and Eastman can be established for selection of processed film required by Hycon for evaluation. Film required by Project Headquarters can be selected by the Project photo interpreter on duty at Eastman. The latter amount of film will be very limited.

4. I recommend you give authority to the contractors involved to enable them to establish the shipping arrangements outlined above.

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